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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-18, 21, 25, and 27-39 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 2, 4-6, 8-11, and 14-18 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 2 and 4-6 line 1, the words "a wireless channel" seem to refer back to the "wireless channel" recited in claim 1 line 1. If this is true, it is suggested changing "a wireless channel" to ---the wireless channel---. Likewise, in claims 8-11, 14-18, and 28-37 line 1 change "a packet sent over a wireless channel" to ---the packet sent over the wireless channel---. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

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4. Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-18, and 27-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. While the claims recite a series of steps or acts to be performed, a statutory "process" under 35 U.S.C. 101 must (1) be tied to another statutory category (such as a particular apparatus), or (2) transform underlying subject matter (such as an article or material) to a different state or thing (Reference the May 15, 2008 memorandum issued by Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examining Policy, John J. Love, titled "Clarification of 'Processes' under 35 U.S.C. 101"). The instant claims neither transform underlying subject matter nor positively tie to another statutory category that accomplishes the claimed method steps, and therefore do not qualify as a statutory process.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Li et al. disclose IP QOS adaptation and management system and method.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHICK C.

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HOM whose telephone number is (571)272-3173. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pham Chi can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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